

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device comprising:

speech inputting means of inputting speech of a first language;

speech recognizing means of recognizing said input speech;

first extracting/displaying means of extracting and displaying one or plural word strings of said first language, said word strings corresponding to a result of said speech recognition;

conversion object selecting means of, from said displayed word strings, selecting ~~a word string~~an example which is expected to become an object of conversion to a second language;

second extracting/displaying means of, when ~~a whole or a part of~~ said selected ~~word/string~~example is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a ~~term~~class which corresponds to contents of said specified ~~whole or part of said selected word/string~~example;

candidate selecting means of selecting ~~one words of the same class out~~ of said displayed candidates; and

converting means of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected ~~word-string~~example and said selected ~~candidate~~words of the same class, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech language of said second language.

2. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said first extracting/displaying means has a displaying section comprising a display screen which displays said plural word strings that are objects of said selection, and said selected word in respective predetermined regions, and

said second extracting/displaying means overlappingly displays said candidates of a ~~term~~ class in a partial region of said display screen in a window form.

3. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 2, wherein, when said selected ~~word-string~~example is displayed on said display screen, said first extracting/displaying means additionally displays ~~also~~ information indicating that candidates of the corresponding ~~term~~ class can be displayed, with respect to a part of said ~~word~~ stringexample.

4. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 3, wherein said speech converting device further comprises screen display specifying means of specifying said part of said ~~word-string~~example on said display screen, said additional information being displayed with respect to said part of said ~~word-string~~example.

5. (Currently Amended) A speech converting device according to claim 1, wherein said converting means determines a result in which said specified part of said ~~word-string~~example is replaced with a ~~term~~ class of said selected candidate, as said conversion object.

6. (Currently Amended) A speech converting method comprising:
a speech inputting step of inputting speech of a first language;
a speech recognizing step of recognizing said input speech;
a first extracting/displaying step of extracting and displaying one or plural word strings of said first language, said word strings corresponding to a result of said speech recognition;
a conversion object selecting step of, from said displayed word strings, selecting a ~~word~~ stringan example which is expected to become an object of conversion to a second language;

a second extracting/displaying step of, when ~~a whole or a part of~~ said selected word stringexample is specified, extracting and displaying candidates of a ~~term~~ class which corresponds to contents of said specified ~~whole or part of~~ said selected word stringexample;

a candidate selecting step of selecting ~~one~~ words of the same class out of said displayed candidates; and

a converting step of determining said object of conversion to said second language on the basis of said selected word stringexample and said selected ~~candidate~~ words of the same class, and of converting said determined conversion object to a speech language of said second language.

7. (Original) A program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing means, said first extracting/displaying means, said conversion object selecting means, said second extracting/displaying means, said candidate selecting means, and said converting means of said speech converting device according to any one of claims 1 to 5.
8. (Original) A program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing step, said first extracting/displaying step, said conversion object selecting step, said second extracting/displaying step, said candidate selecting step, and said converting step of said speech converting method according to claim 6.
9. (Original) A medium which carries said program according to claim 7, and which is processable by a computer.
10. (Original) A medium which carries said program according to claim 8, and which is processable by a computer.